

REMARKS

The rejections from the Office Action of February 4, 2005 are discussed below in connection with the various claims. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 5, 6, and 11-16 are allowed. Claims 1, 7, and 9 have been rejected. Claims 2-4, 8, and 10 are objected to.

Claims 1, 3, and 7 have been amended. Claims 2 and 8 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 7, and 9 are rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hossack et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,873,830) in view of Ophir et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,178,147). Claims 2-4, 8, and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Dependent Claims 2-4 depend from independent base Claim 1. Dependent Claims 8 and 10 depend from independent base Claim 7. Applicants have amended independent base claims 1 and 10 to include subject matter from its respective objected to dependent claims. Thus Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1 and 7 are also allowable. Claim 9 also depends from independent base Claim 7. Thus Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 9 is also allowable as independent base Claim 7 has been amended.

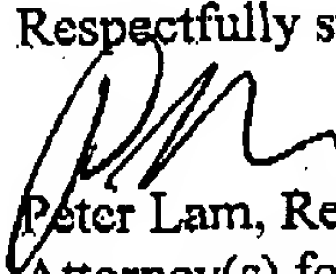
Applicants also submit that the rejection to Claims 1, 7, and 9 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have also been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of these claims.

CONCLUSION

Each of the rejections in the Office Action dated February 4, 2005 has been addressed and no new matter has been added. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it would expedite the prosecution of this application.

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